

109 South Washington Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-10
Early Nineteenth Century

A small, three bay dwelling, this two-and-a-half story brick structure is one of the town's finest Federal period buildings. The Flemish bond facade is enriched with a belt course and double keystone lintels at window openings. The main entrance is outstanding: fluted pilasters carry an entablature decorated with Adamesque pineapples and sunbursts. The transom light has diamond panes, a detail also used inside the building.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

109 South Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

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Telephone #: 301-745-2254

STREET & NUMBER

Maiden Point Farm

CITY, TOWN

St. Michaels

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21663

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

Liber #: 304

Folio #: 297

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Town of Easton Survey by Paul Brinkman

DATE

August 23, 1967

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	and restored	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three bay building stands on South Washington Street at the end of South Street. It faces east.

Two-and-a-half stories in height it is covered by a gable roof. A brick ell, two stories in height and two bays long at the rear of the main portion of the structure may be contemporary with it. The structure has been joined to its northern neighbor, another Federal period building, #107 South Washington Street, (T-442).

The brick is laid in Flemish bond on the front facade and Liverpool bond on the side and rear ell. The front facade is now painted light grey. A stuccoed belt course, three brick courses wide, crosses the facade at the second floor level.

The main entrance is found in the north bay. The structure's most notable feature, the opening is framed with fluted pilasters carrying an entablature decorated with Adamesque pineapples and sunbursts; a row of stylized leaf-designs surmounts the cornice. There is a transom light with diamond panes and a six panel door.

Flat-arch window openings have a double keystone lintel with chiseled reedings and flutings. Beaded frames with a quarter-round backbond molding hold six over six sashes. Louvered shutters painted dark green are used on the second floor. First floor shutters each have three raised and beveled panels; they are white. The windows on the second floor are most likely original: those on the first floor replaces a store front which was removed when the structure was restored in 1969.

The box cornice is finished with the usual crown molding; a line of wooden ornament chiseled in an intricate but deep chain motif is used in the position of the bed molding. Brick roof curtains terminate the gable roof which is covered with black asphalt shingles. A tall double chimney with a corbelled cap is enclosed within the south wall.

There are no window openings in the south wall. A small window in the upper floor on the north facade was covered over when #107 South Washington Street (T-443) was built.

The ell has a gable roof and evenly spaced windows with six over six sashes. Like the main portion of the house the window has a backbond molding.

Inside the woodwork in major rooms is well preserved and quite elegant. Throughout the building the chair rails have gouge work, with six-pointed stars alternating with flutings. Interior doors have raised and beveled panels with diagonal, beaded boarding on the back. Transom lights with diamond-shaped panes are used for major interior doors.

The second floor of this building and #107 are connected and used as one apartment. They are served by a single stair which is located in the ell of this structure adjacent to the party wall, and was evidently installed after the second structure was erected. It is unusually heavy for a structure of this period. Plain balusters and a turned newel with a squared cap are used on the open-string course.

The second floor front room of this dwelling can only be described as elegant: chair rails and mantles display gouge work carving. Windows and doors have paneled jambs. The floors are smoothly finished with

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Early Nineteenth Century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The structure is significant for its architecture. A well-proportioned structure it shows influence of both the Federal and Georgian periods in its exterior treatment and may be considered to be a transitional building. Its doorway is one of the few remaining in the town of Easton which retains the Adamesque sunburst detailing favored during the Federal period in this country. This structure also contains much early interior detailing, including extremely fine woodwork. Providing a beautiful terminus to South Street, this structure is one of the finest Federal row buildings on Washington Street and one of the best preserved.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE None

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Easton

DATE

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STATE

Maryland 21601

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Town of Easton

random wide yellow pine.

The ell has original material, simpler than that of the main house, although the main room has a simple early mantle with a rectangular opening and a mantle shelf. It is flanked by cabinets with three-panel double doors.

Carefully restored in 1969, the well-maintained building is used for apartments.

107-109 South Washington Street
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B43/F13

These two properties were put together as one in 1821 when Theodore Denny bought the southern portion of the double house. Hugh Martin had built #109. It was standing in 1809 according to a description deed for the property adjoining on the north. But it is unclear just when Martin built his house. However, Martin was forced to sell his home. James Earle, Jr. was appointed the trustee for the creditors of Hugh Martin and John Harwood contracted to buy the property, but his decease put it in the hands of John Goldsborough to sell it to Theodore Denny.


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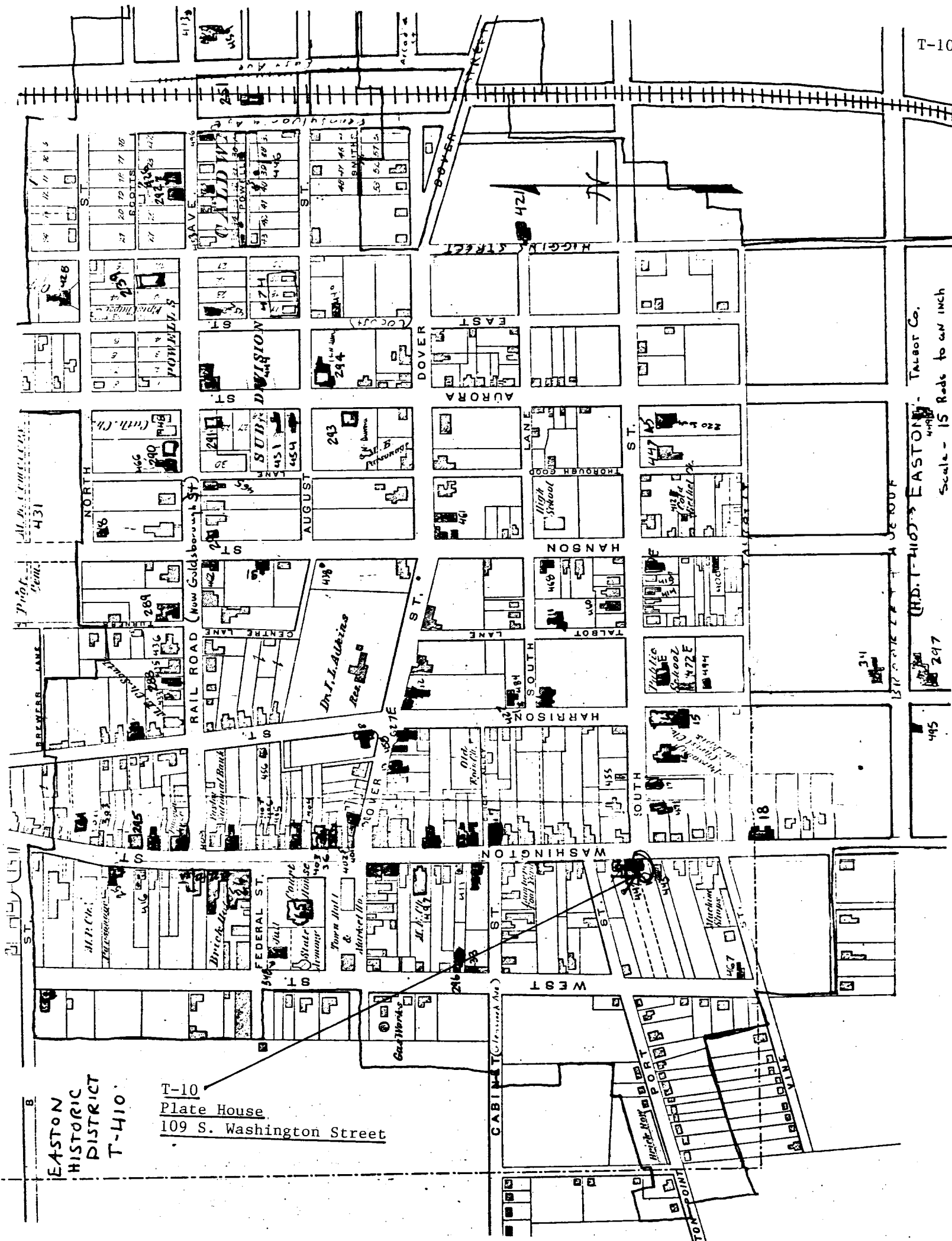
In 1804, James Willson bought the lot from James Earle, Jr. on which he had lately erected a two-story brick building. The lot measured only 15 feet 7½ inches along Washington Street though it had a depth of 147 feet. Peter Denny, father of Theodore, bought the house and lot in 1809 for \$2513.00.

B33/F320

B186/F385

The two houses became one property in 1821 and have remained so. It eventually came into the possession of James Spence in 1914. He willed it to his daughter, now Mrs. William Platte, who is the present owner. For a time, the ground floor area was commercialized, but has lately been restored to its original facade, and is being used as apartments.

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Talbot TOWN Easton VICINITY STREET NO. S. Washington Street ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE Store and dwellings WALL CONSTRUCTION Flemish bond brick NO. OF STORIES 2 1/2		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME T-10 DATE OR PERIOD C. 1800 - 1810 STYLE Federal Rowhouses ARCHITECT BUILDER	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <p> This is a row of 2 Federal row houses which share a common wall. The one on the left is 2 bays wide. The 1st storey has a shop window and a door with a simple frame of pilasters and a flat cornice. The windows on this floor (now bricked up) and those on the second storey (9/6) all have flat white arches with a double keystone. There is a 6/6 peaked dormer on the roof. An enclosed chimney rises from the left side of the house. There is a cornice with a frieze of interlocking ineised squares. The house is in very bad condition. </p> <p> The row house on the right is 3 bays wide. Again the first floor windows have been replaced by a shop window. The door here has an elaborate frame of reeded pilasters with a flat cornice with a row of tiny carved brackets. The frieze has 3 carved Adam urns connected by garlands and a sunburst oval design at each end. The 2nd storey windows are 9/6 and all windows have flat white arches with double keystones. There is one peaked dormer on the roof. All the windows have flat granite sills. The end wall rises higher than the roof to make a curtain. There are double chimneys on the left end of the house which rise to a great height and have a connecting curtain between. The cornice has a design of ineised interlocking squares. </p> <p> These fine Federal row houses are deteriorating and have been altered. Something should be done to save them. </p>		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE OPEN TO PUBLIC NO	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">Deteriorating</div>			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 		7. PHOTOGRAPH 	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Paul A. Brinkman DATE OF RECORD August 28, 1967	



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Plate House
109 S. Washington Street

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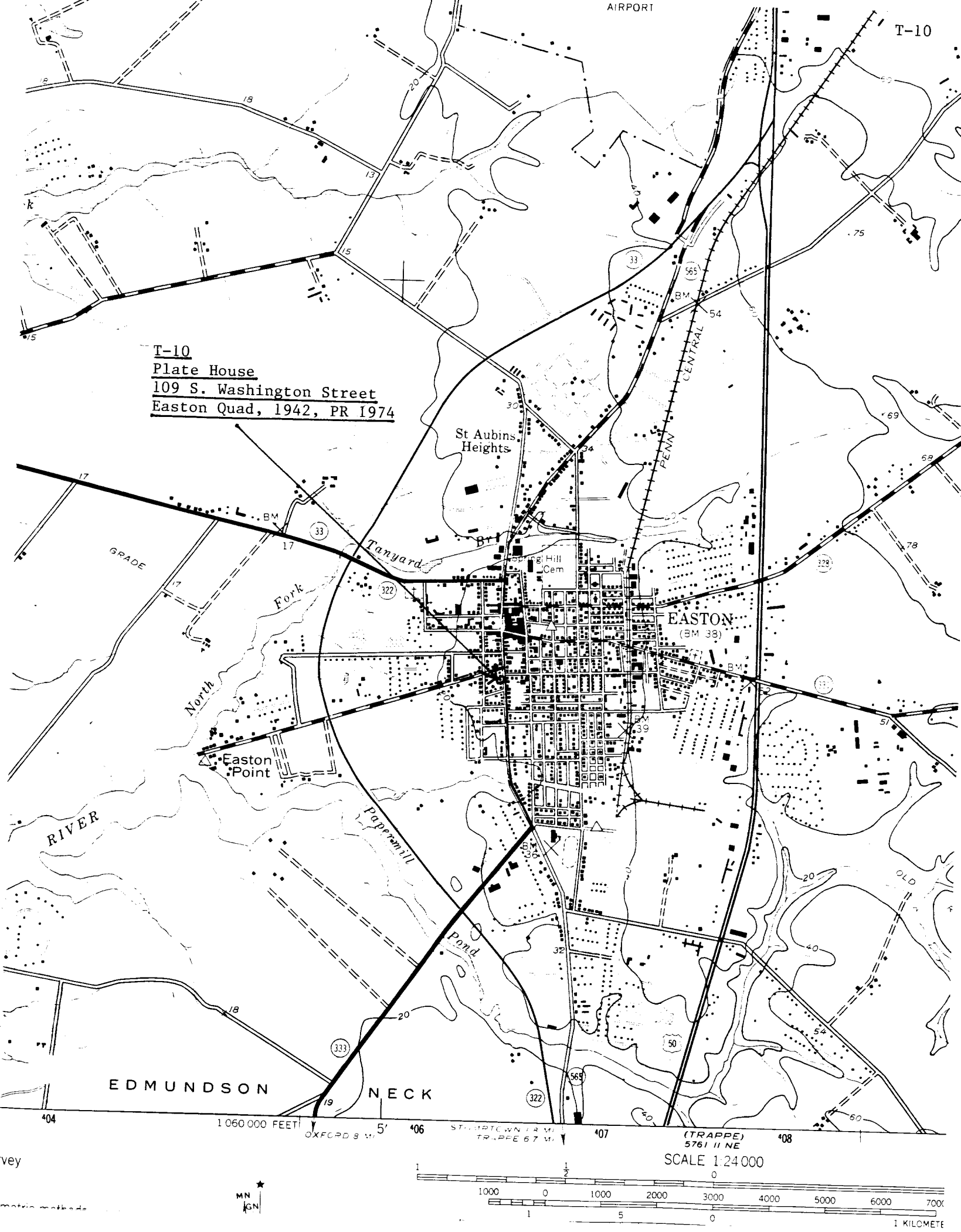
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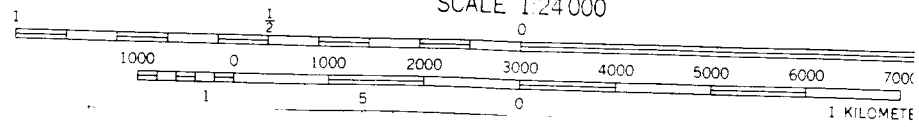
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Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



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